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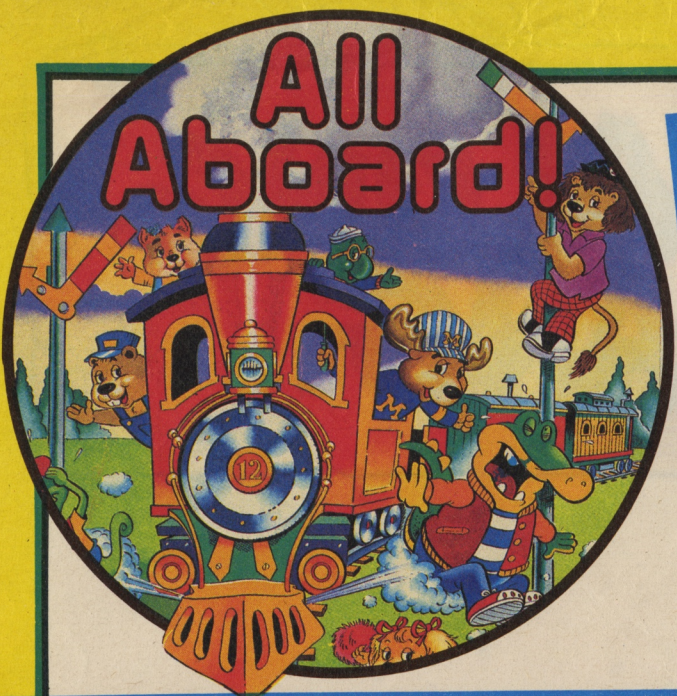
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GET ALONG GANG™

Snow Race

game inside!





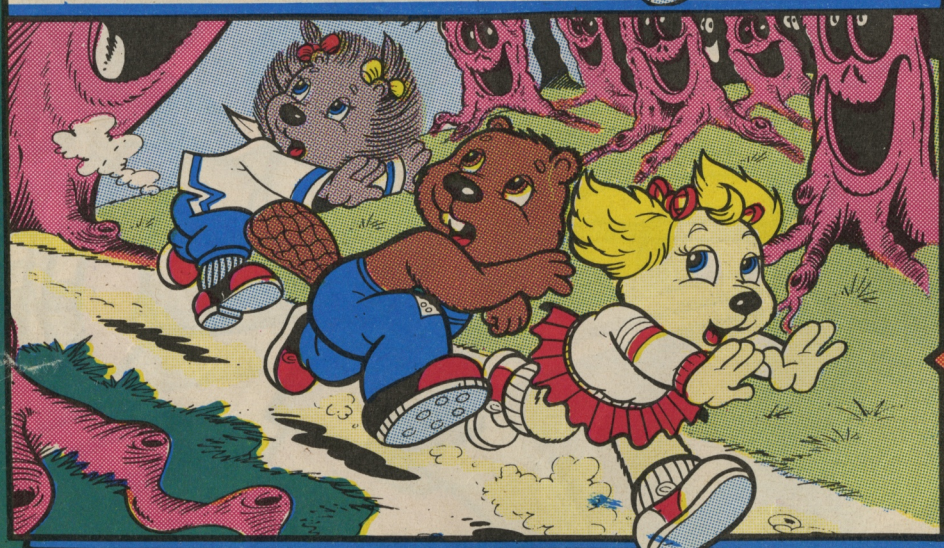
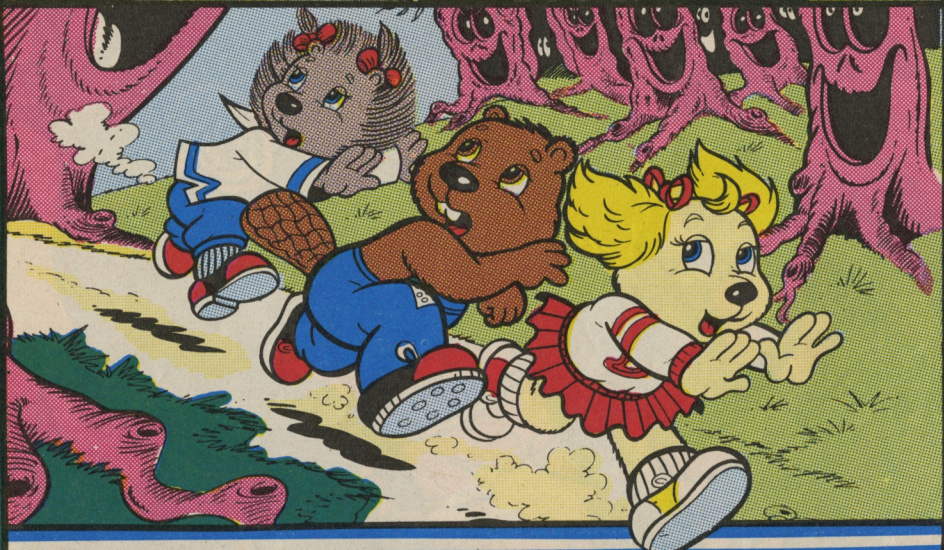
HI GANG!

Brrr... come in from the cold for a minute and listen to all the exciting things we've got lined up for you today! You wouldn't think that it was the weather for ice-cream would you? But things are certainly hotting up on ice-cream sales in Green Meadow, as you'll find out in the second part of our exciting adventure - **The Great Ice-Cream War!** Why not play our Toboggan Race Game on page 12, enjoying all the fun of a snowy day with your friends... but keeping warm at the same time... cunning...

Montgomery

Read on!

Can you spot the difference between these two pictures? There are eight differences altogether...



GANG PROJECT

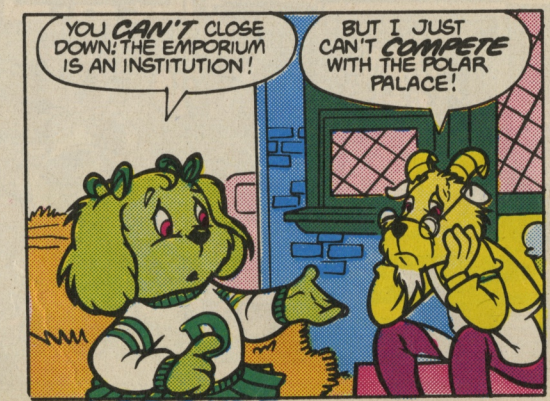
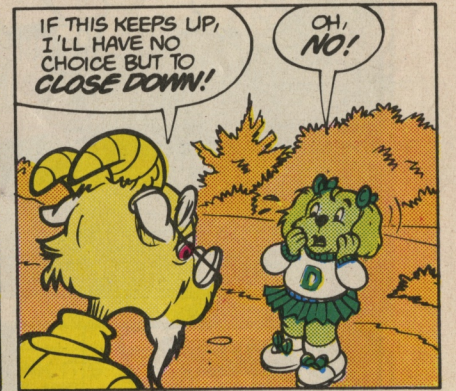
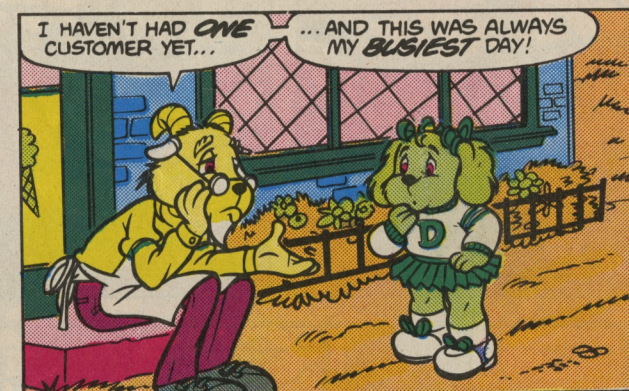
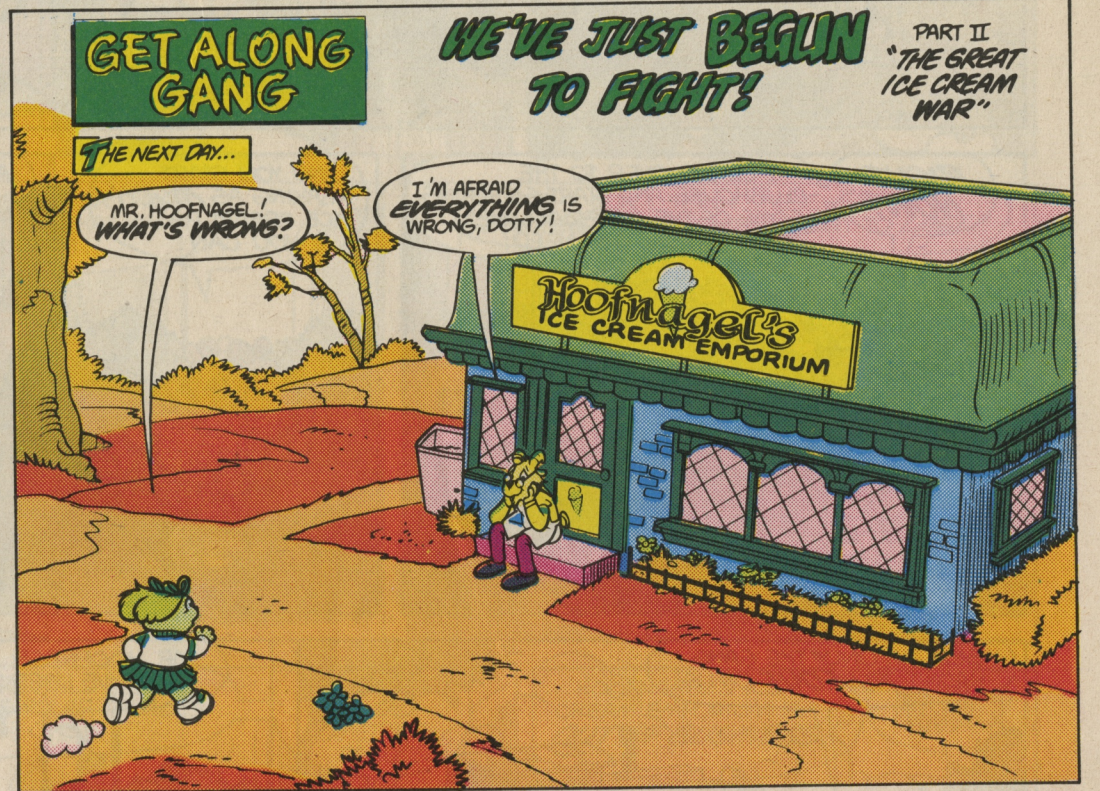
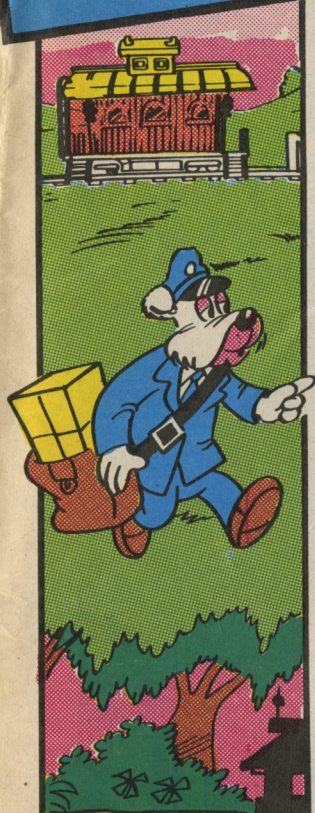
SPOON BALANCING!

It's easy! Breathe on your spoon and then try to balance it on the tip of your nose! You might have to try different spoons to find the one just right for your nose. After practising, why not have a spoon balancing competition in your gang. See who can balance a spoon the longest! We had a spoon balancing race in our gang last week and Portia Porcupine came out tops!

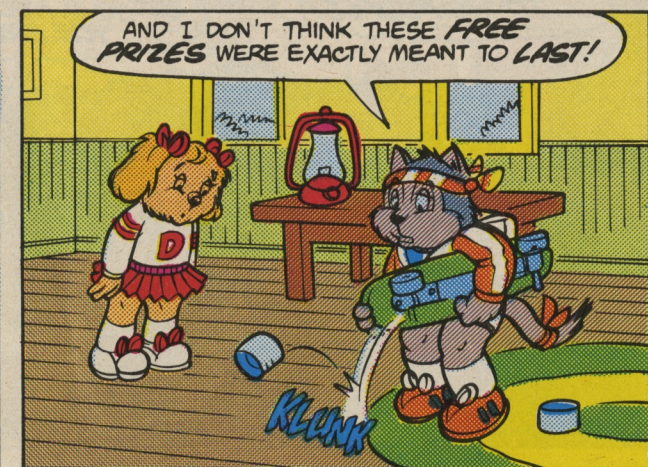
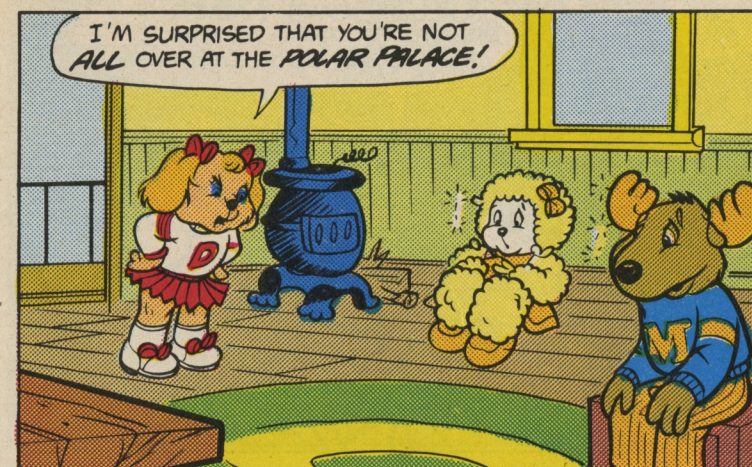
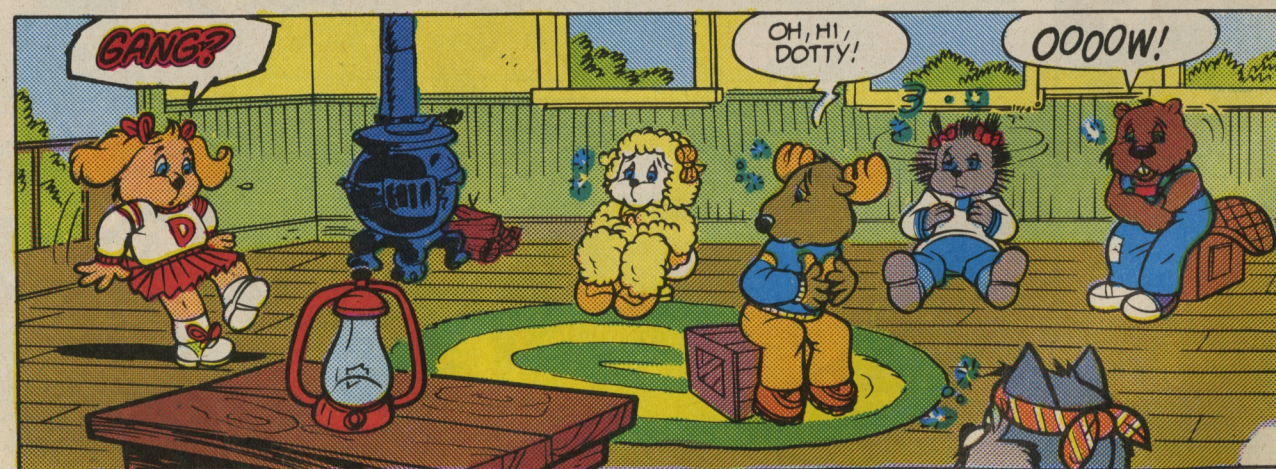
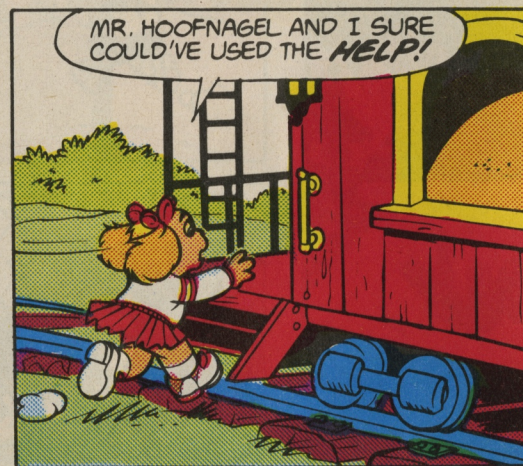
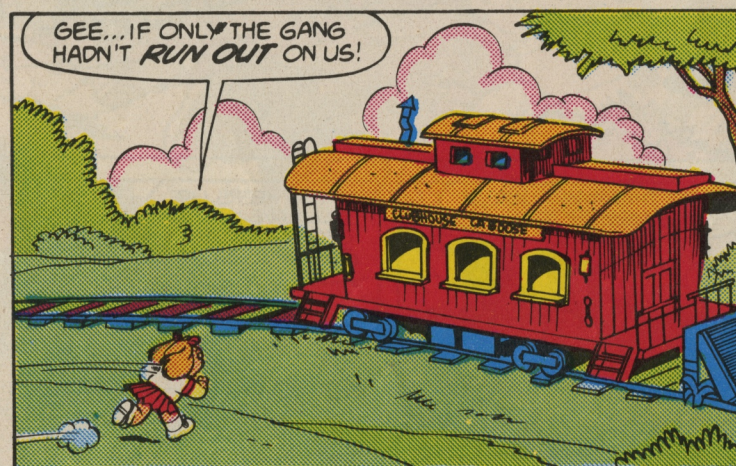
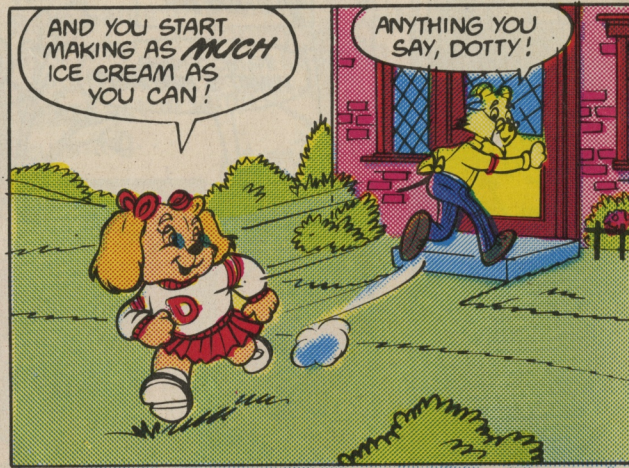
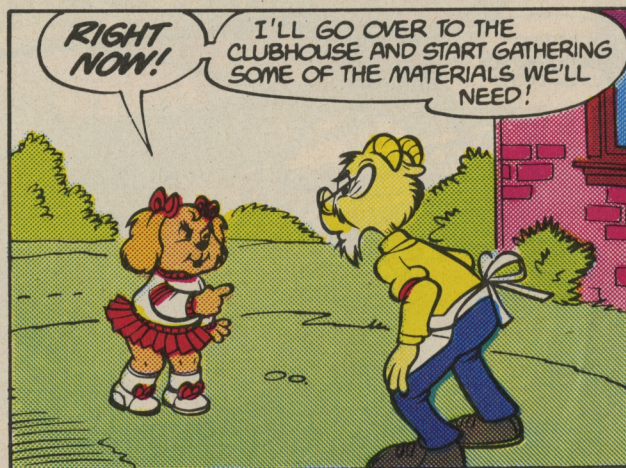
NEXT WEEK:
Dare you enter the haunted wood?

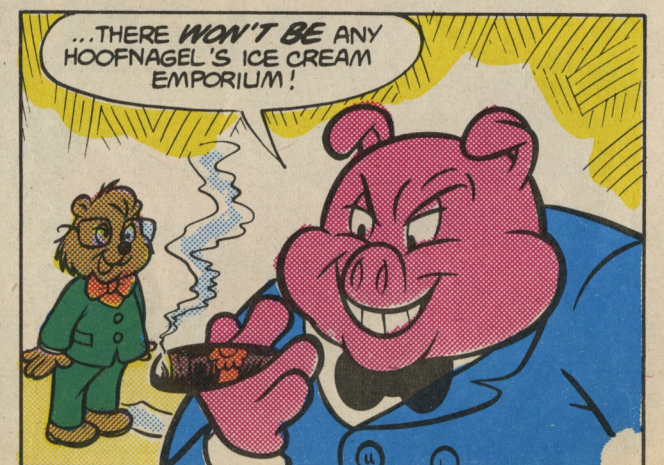
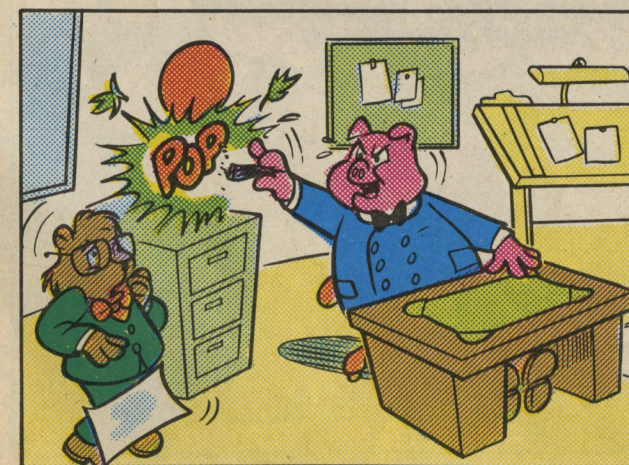
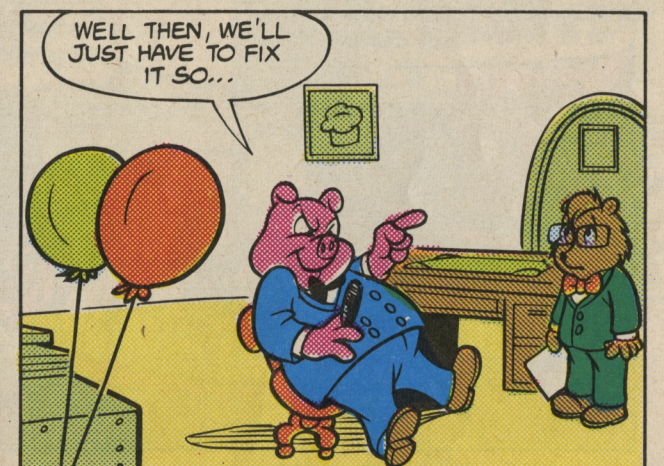
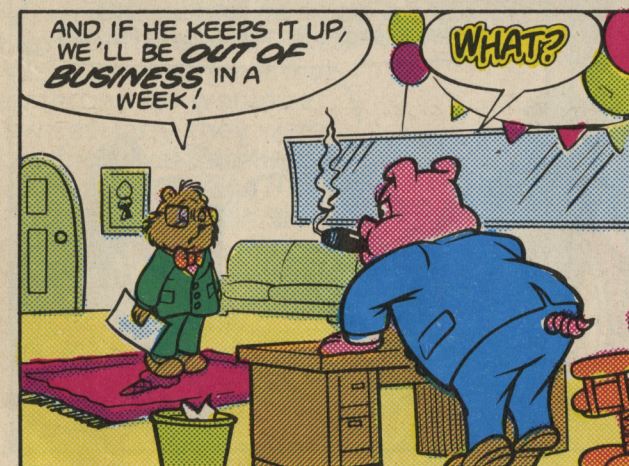
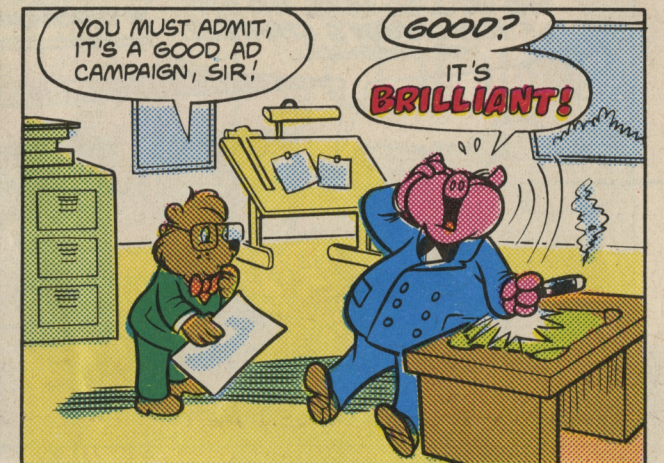
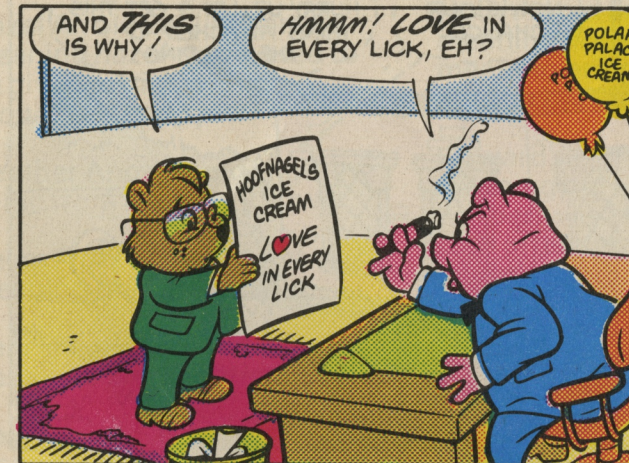
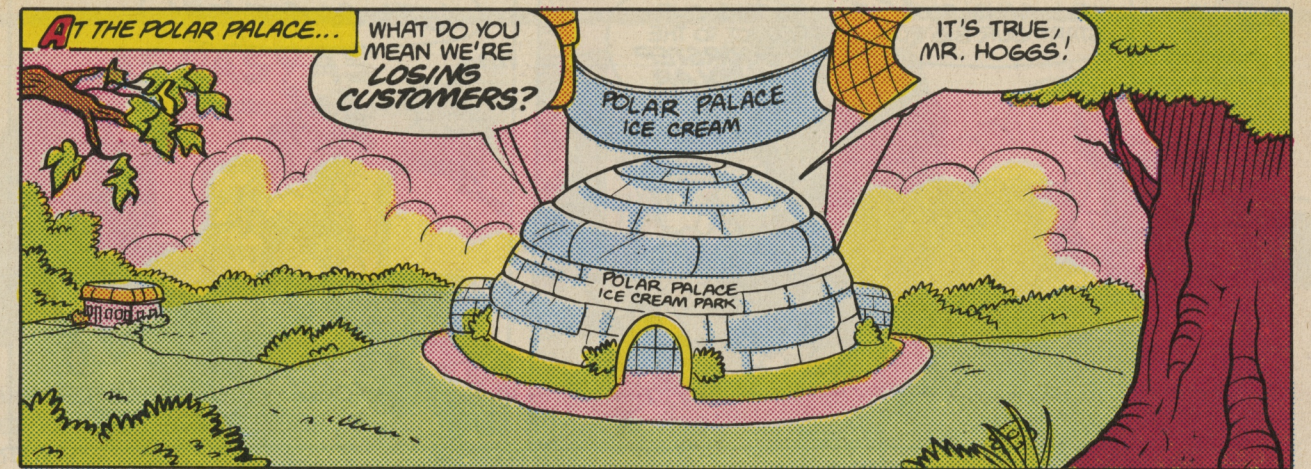
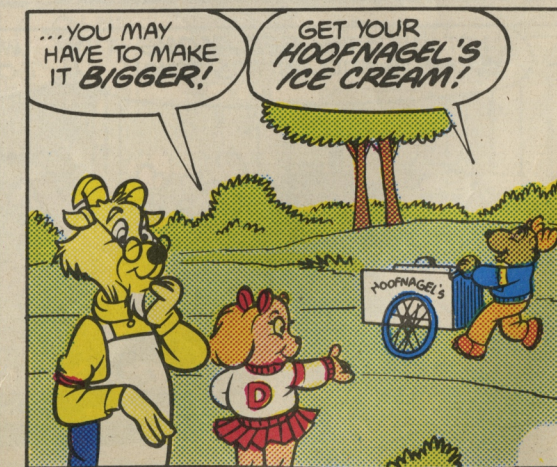
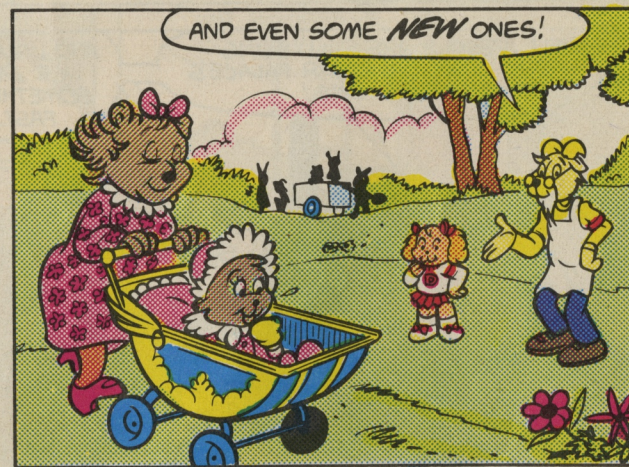
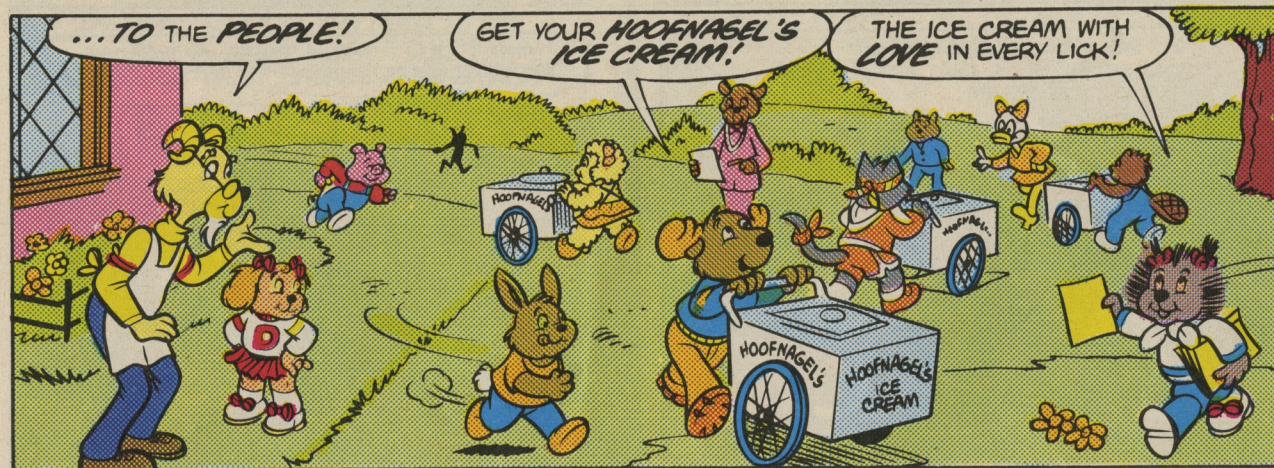
GET ALONG GANG

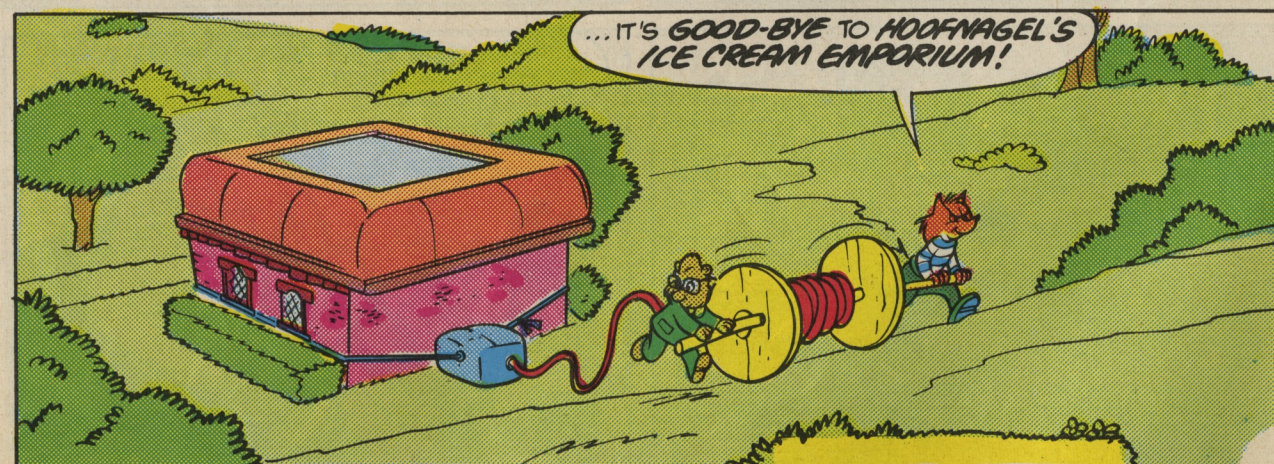
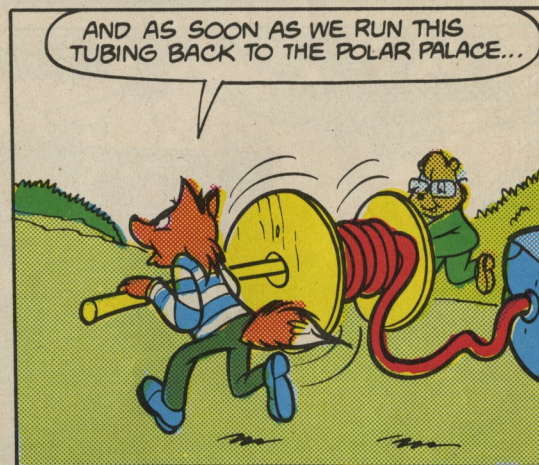
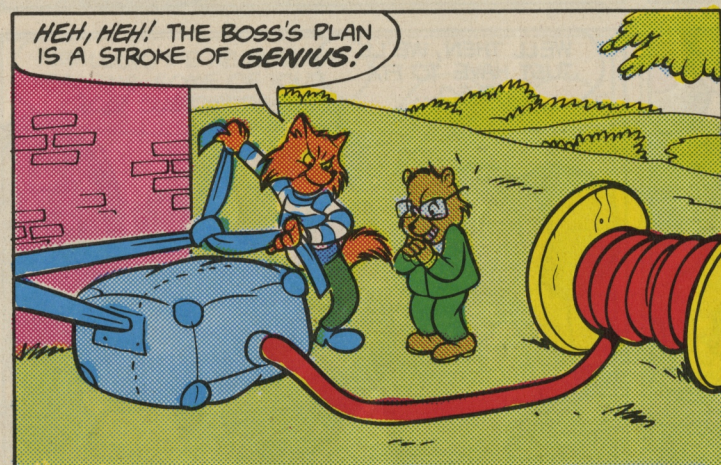
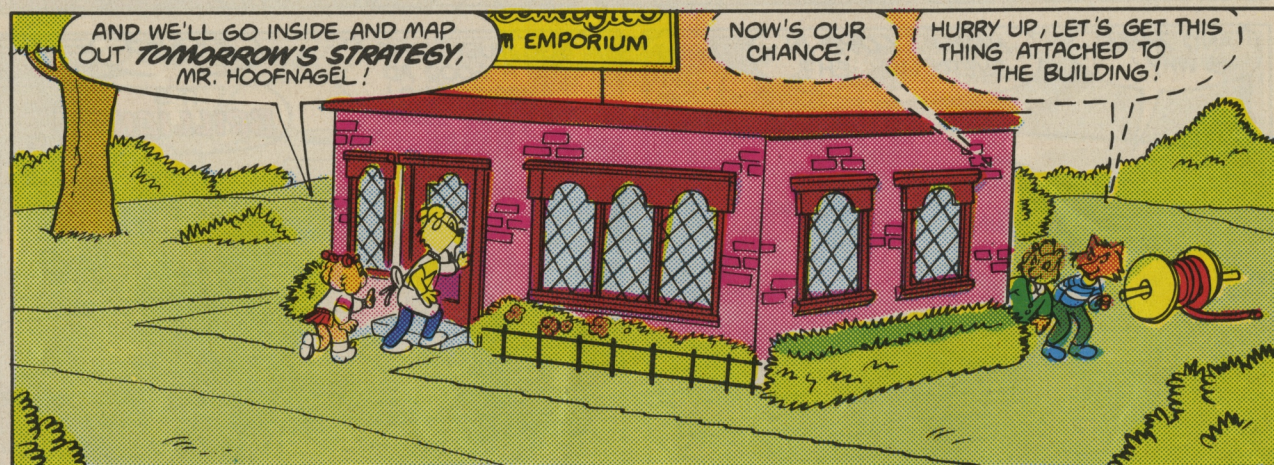
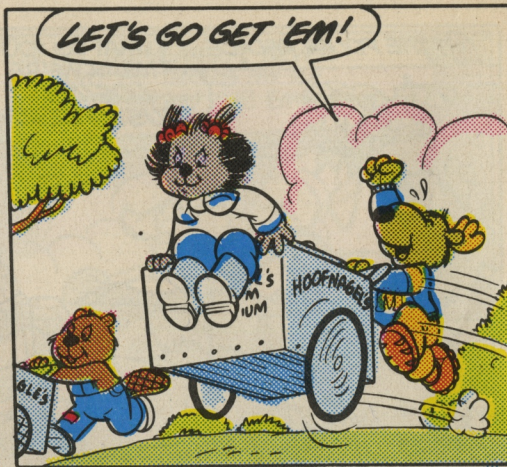
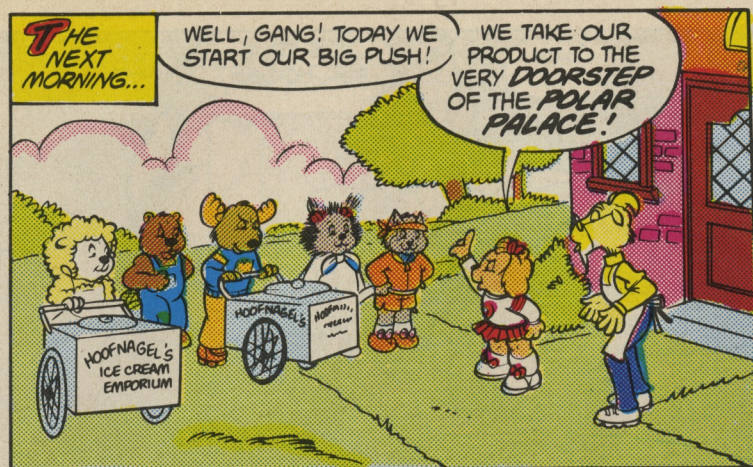
Everyone has gone to the Polar Palace - a new ice-cream shop in Green Meadow - and it could finish Hoofnagel's...



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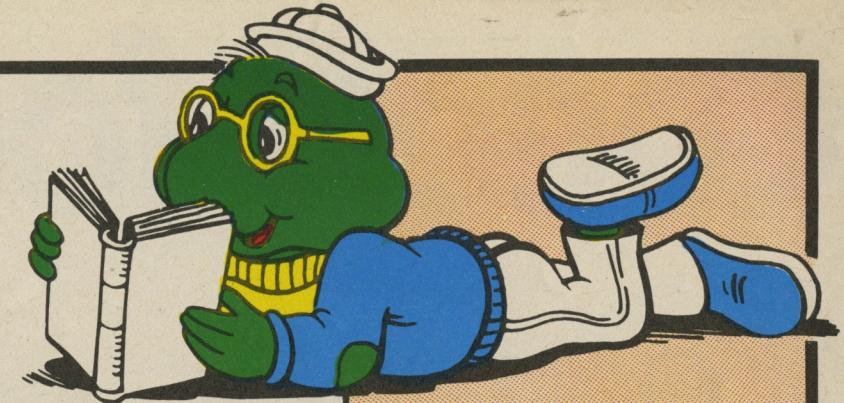






The meaning of names!

AS EASY AS ABC



Hannah A name from the Bible meaning *God favoured me*. Also *Nan*.

Hazel An old English name meaning *hazel-nut*. It used to be given to girls with pretty brown hair and eyes.

Heather Another old English name from the pretty flower.

Helen From a Greek name meaning *bright one*.

Henrietta A girl's name for *Henry*. Also *Hetty*, *Henny*, *Etta*.

Henry A name popular amongst kings for it means *ruler, wealth and power*. When the Prince and Princess of Wales told everyone that their second son would be known as *Harry* they were following Royal tradition because all eight King *Henrys* of England have been called *Harry*.

Hilary Another Greek name meaning *lively, cheerful, boisterous*.

Holly An old English name meaning *holly tree*. *Holly* is meant to bring good luck – so it's a lucky name to have!

Howard An old English name meaning *pig warden*. A pig warden was a very important man in medieval times because he kept a check on all the pigs in the district. *Howard Hughes*, the American multi-millionaire, broke the air-speed record in 1935!

Hugh It can either be from a German name meaning *intelligent* or from the Celtic name *Hew*, meaning *fire*!

book choice

Gloria A.Vesey



Gloria by A. Vesey.
Published by Magnet.
Price: £1.50.

"What this family needs is a goat," said Mr Higginbotham one day at breakfast. He went off and bought the handsomest goat he could find, which happened to be *Gloria*. And that was where the trouble started – first his prize-winning roses were eaten, then the clothes off the washing line, then the entire vegetable patch. *Gloria* gave sour milk but worse was to come. . .



Cut out and collect!

Cheers for Dotty!

What Dotty Dog didn't know, when she entered the Cheer-leader contest, was that Bossy Bertha was determined to win – even if it meant cheating!



"Our school is wonderful! Our school is best! Ours is nicer than all the rest!"

I sang as I danced outside the Clubhouse Caboose, shaking my pom-poms in the air.

Rocco, who was weight-lifting in the Caboose, came out when he heard me singing. "What are you up to, Dotty?" he asked.

"It's time for the annual contest to choose this year's school cheer-leader. I'm practising my routine to help me win."

Rocco laughed at this. "But you always win! You're the best cheer-leader in Green Meadow. Everybody knows that!"

"Bossy Bertha's entered the contest," I told him. "She wants to become school cheer-leader and if I don't practise, she might do it too."

The other girls didn't see it that way. "Come on, Dotty, don't be a spoilsport. Let's go to the park to play." Bernice was standing with Lolly, Woolma and Portia, waiting for my answer.

My friends had caught me at a bad time. No matter how hard I tried, my routine just wouldn't go right. "I keep telling you, I'm too busy!" I snapped. "The contest's tomorrow and I haven't finished my routine yet." I didn't mean to shout but they had been pestering me for ages!

"Dotty's getting too big for her boots," I heard one of the girls say as they walked off. "She hasn't played with us for days." The others agreed.

I knew my friends were cross with me but I didn't know what else to do. "Cheer-leading is important to me," I explained to Rocco. "But I don't want it to come between me and the Gang."

Rocco smiled. "The girls are being silly. They'll get over it." I tried to look on the bright side, but this time I wasn't so sure.

Portia told me later how they had met Bossy Bertha in the park. She was playing with her friends instead of practising her routines for the contest and was very pleased to see them.

"Hello, chums, have a sweet," she offered. "No, have the whole bag."

The girls tucked in and when Bertha told them how they could have more sweets if they joined the group supporting her in the contest, they didn't need to be asked twice.

"Dotty needs taking down a peg," said Woolma. "Okay, we're with you, Bertha."

What my pals didn't know was that Bertha was determined to win, even if it meant cheating!

The day of the contest arrived. I put on my pretty cheer-leader's dress and silver shoes and tied two new pieces of ribbon in my hair. When I saw Lolly and the others in the street, I waved to them but they crossed the road and pretended to ignore me. Downhearted that my

friends weren't speaking to me, I practised my routine one last time and then set off for the contest. As I turned the corner, there were Bertha's mates and they were all holding ink-filled water pistols. **SQUIIIIRRT!**

"EEEK!" I cried, as they squirted ink all over me.

"Ooops! Sorry," laughed the rotters as they ran off. "Our water pistols went off by accident! **HAW! HAW!**"

"I can't enter the contest like this!" I cried, looking at the mess I was in. "Bertha's won after all!"

To my surprise, Portia and the others came hurrying up. "Don't worry, Dotty, we'll help you," she said.

"But I thought you wanted Bertha to win?" I said, puzzled.

"Huh! She hasn't stopped bossing us around," Lolly explained. "Making us fetch and carry, polish her shoes, wash her dress. It's been awful!"

"And when we heard her telling her mates to put you out of the contest, we knew we had been wrong. You're our friend and we should stand by you," went on Bernice.

"But I'm out of the contest anyway," I said sadly. "All my pretty clothes are ruined."

"Not if we work together," grinned Lolly. The girls ran off towards their houses. When they returned, Woolma was carrying a pretty ballerina's dress; Lolly, a pair of red shoes, and Bernice and Portia some ribbon for my hair. "Now you can enter the contest after all," Bernice said, after I had finished dressing. "Won't Bertha be surprised!"

Bertha was very angry to see me at the contest, but there was nothing she could do with everyone watching. When it was my turn I felt a little nervous but my friends were there cheering me on and I performed my best ever cheer-leader routine – just for them!

"And the winner is... **DOTTY DOG!**" announced the judge at the end of the contest.

"Well done, Dotty," cheered Portia. "We knew you could win."

"Only thanks to your help," I reminded her.

Bossy Bertha came last and she wasn't happy, I can tell you. As I received the winning cup from the judge, she grabbed hold of it to pull it away. "S'mine!" she bellowed. "I want it!"

I didn't want the cup to get broken so I let go. Bertha fell backwards, landing with a bump on the ground, and the cup landed on top of her head.

"EEEEEEK! It's stuck! I can't get it off!" she squealed.

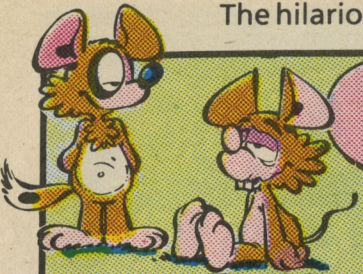
"Ha! Ha! You did say you wanted the cup," I chuckled. "And now you've got it!"

My friends and I laughed all the way to the refreshment tent. Bertha did look silly!

GET ALONG TOBOGGAN RACE

Team up with the Get Along Gang to win the toboggan race! All you need is a dice and some buttons as counters. To start you must first throw a six. Then take it in turns to throw the dice and travel down the hill. First one to reach the finishing line wins!





CLORO AND DIGBY

An evil snake, with hypnotising powers, has arrived in the little wood and made the country creatures his slaves!

SO ARE YOU STILL NOT FRIGHTENED OF ME?

ER...

...OOOH...

HMPH!

WELL YOU DON'T FRIGHTEN ME, YOU... YOU... SCALY CREEP!

I SEE!... WELL, NOW... TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, WOULD YOU MIND JUST LOOKING INTO MY RIGHT EYE, I THINK I'VE GOT A SPECK OF DUST IN IT!

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

REALLY?

ELIGH...

NUMBER TWO SAYS LONG LIVE GUSTAVE THE GREAT!

GUSTAVE THE GREAT IS BRAVE AND CLEVER! WE'LL BE HIS SLAVES FOR EVER AND EVER!

SO, DO THE REST OF YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?

I SHALL BE YOUR KING AND YOU WILL ALL OBEY ME!

AND IF WE REFUSE?

WELL IF YOU REFUSE I'LL GET CROSS AND EAT YOU ALL UP!

YOU'VE GOT 5 MINUTES TO THINK ABOUT IT!

QUICK! WE MUST MAKE UP OUR MINDS!

WE MUST HAVE ACTION!

ONE... TWO... THREE...

GUSTAVE THE GREAT IS BRAVE AND CLEVER! WE'LL BE HIS SLAVES FOR EVER AND EVER!

BUNCH OF COWARDS!

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE OFF TO?

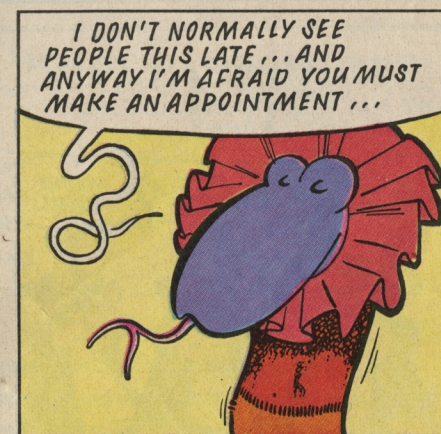
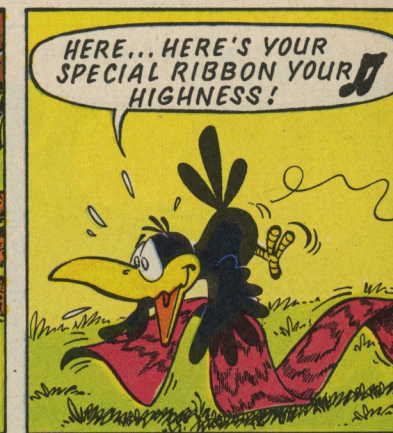
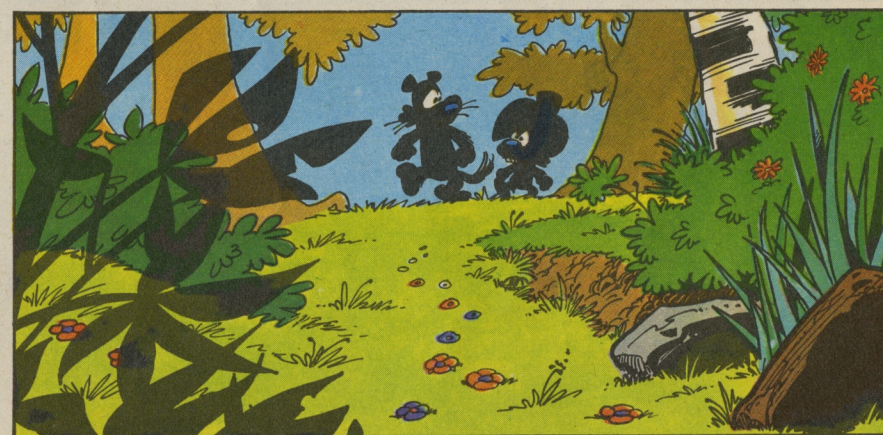
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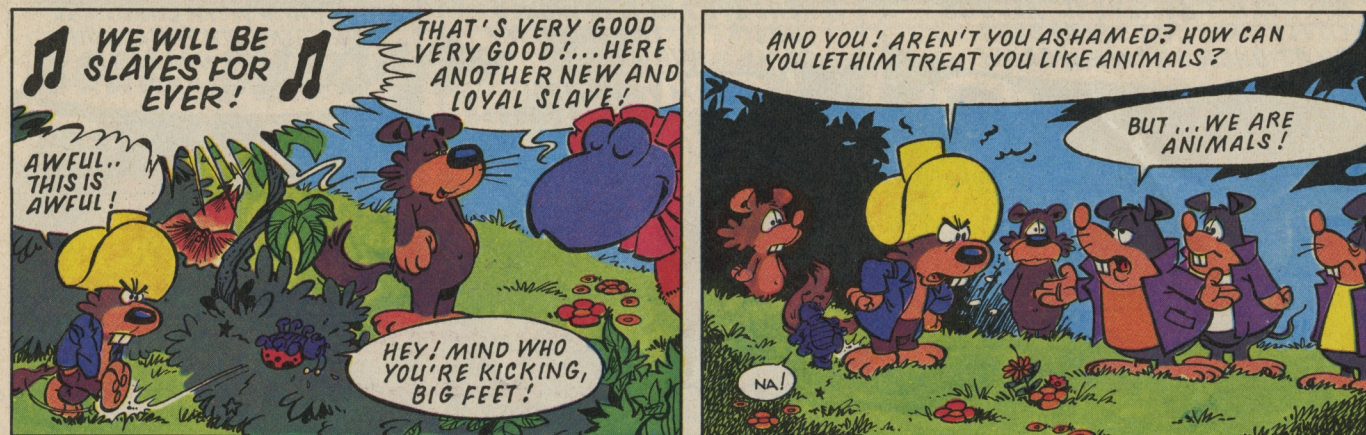
I... I WAS OFF TO TELL EVERYONE THE GOOD NEWS, YOUR MAJESTY!

THAT'S VERY GOOD! I'M PLEASED! YOU CAN BE MY SPECIAL CHIEF LORD!

OH! OH, THANK YOU YOUR MAJESTY!

WOW!





Next week: The snake's dinner!



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

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MINIATURE TOY
ASSORTED CHARACTERS



LOOK WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU JOIN OUR CLUB

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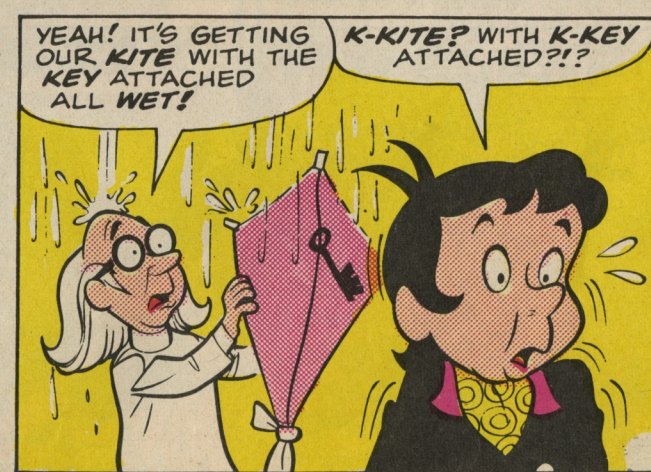
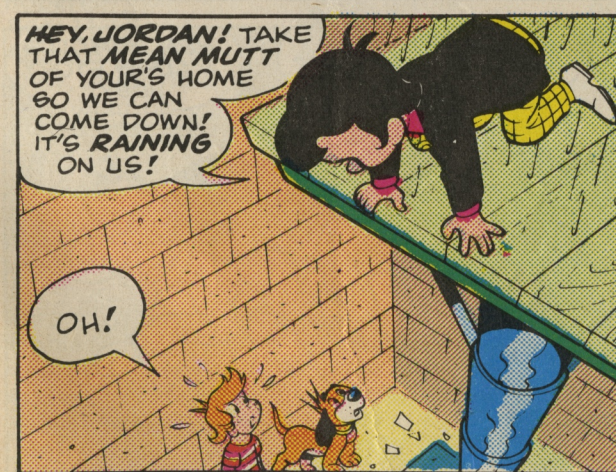
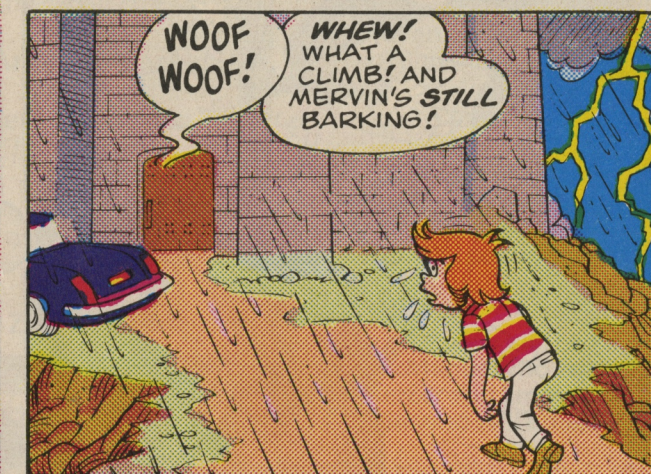
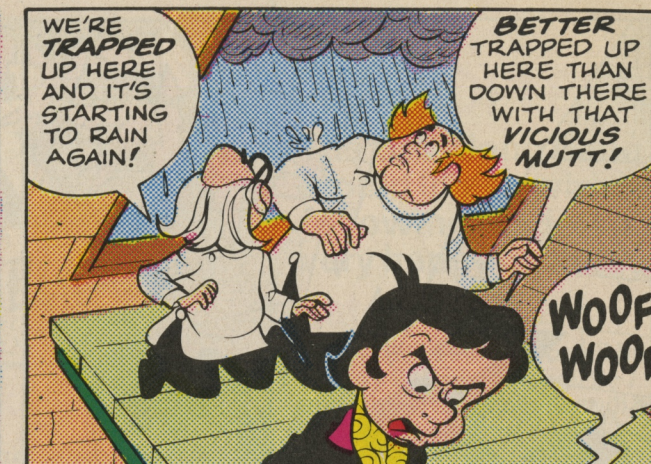
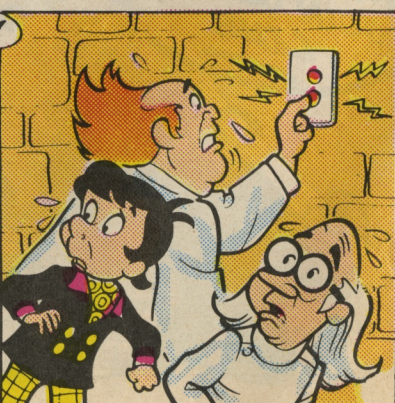
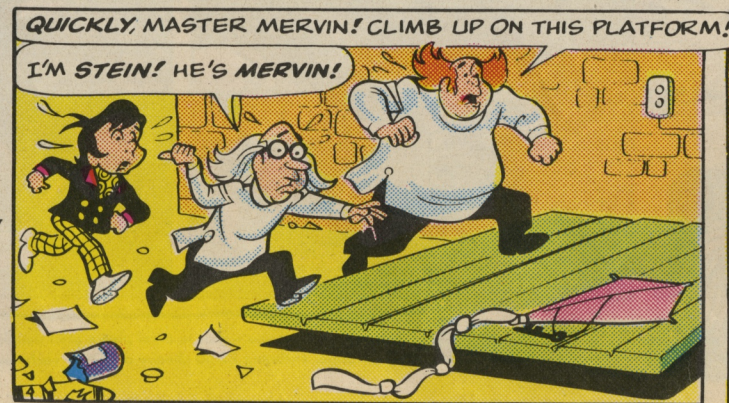
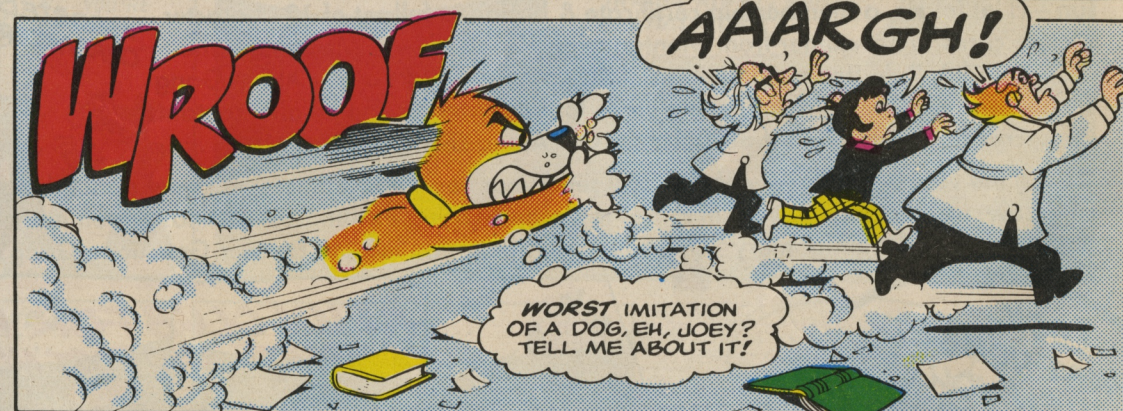
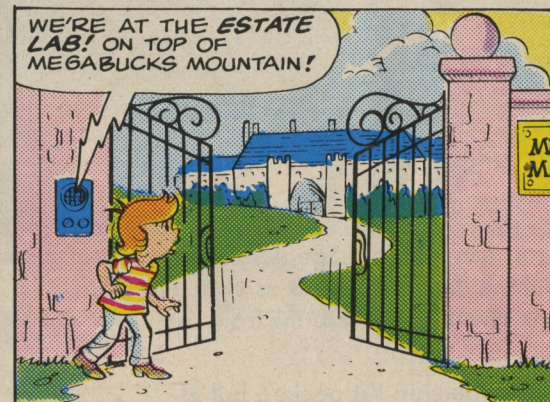
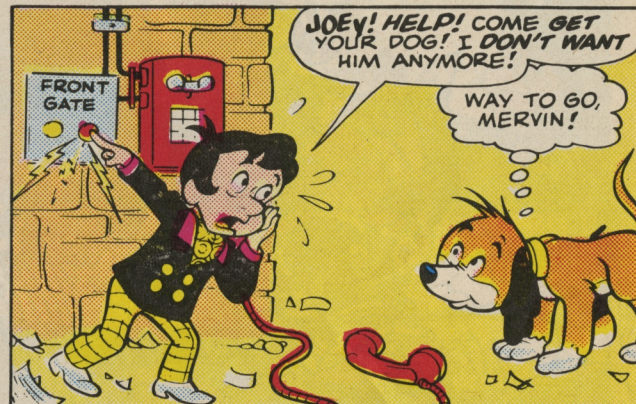
The GET ALONG GANG CLUB, Green Meadow, Diss Norfolk, IP22 3HH, U.K.
I enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club
Please enrol my child as an official member.

Miss/Master: _____
Address: _____
Postcode: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Parents Signature: _____

If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.

TOP DOG

Joey has come to the rescue of Top Dog from the evil Mervin Megabucks and his two potty professors—Frank n' Stein!

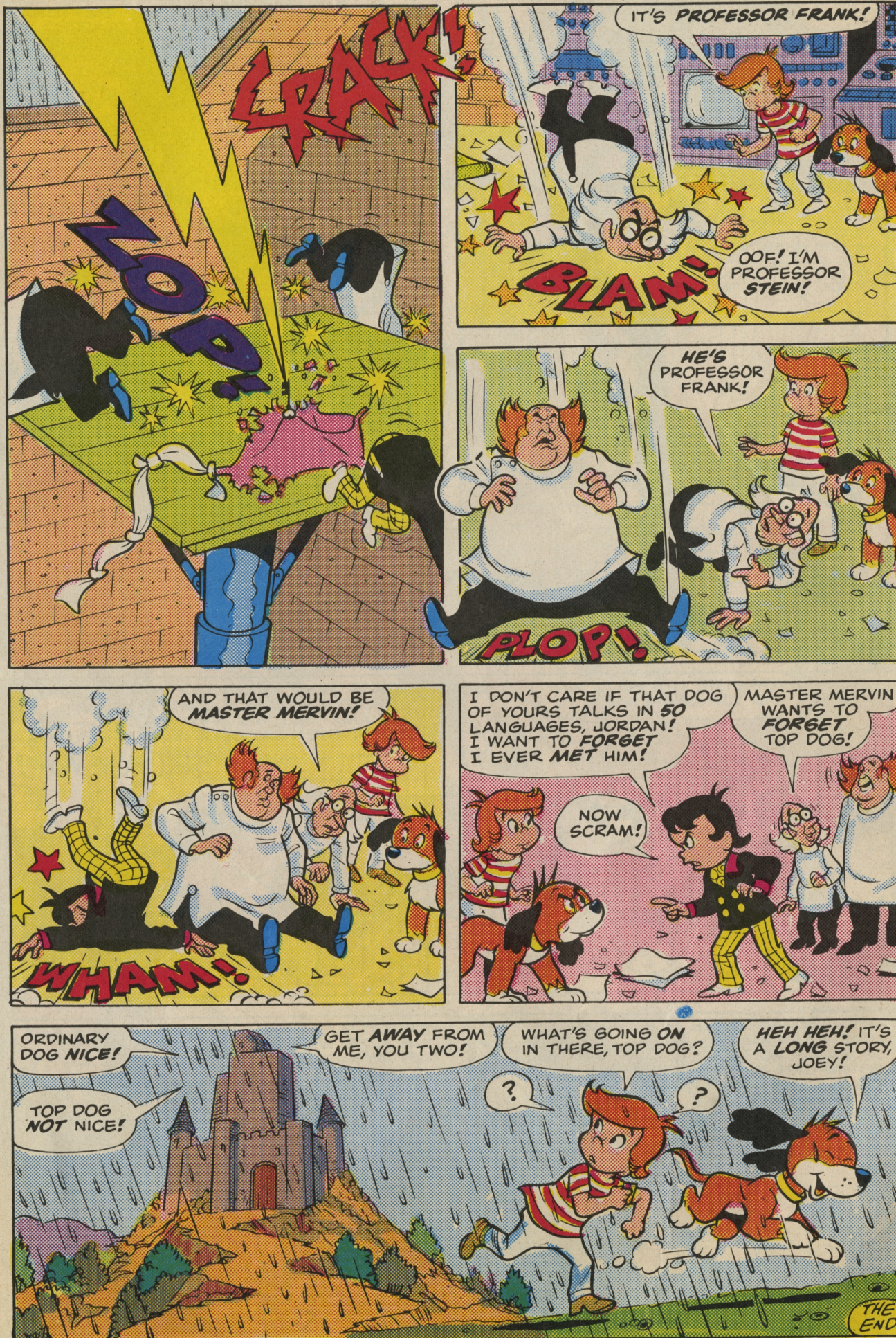


Joey Jordan

Joey's mum

Joey's dad

Lizzie Jordan



LETTERS

CHEESE AND ONION!

Dear Montgomery,
Thank you for the card you sent me. My favourite character in the Gang is Zipper Cat because I am a cat lover. Could you please tell me if Zipper likes cheese and onion crisps because my cat Katy does?
Christine Stanger.

Yes, Zipper likes them too! In fact, he just ran past with a packet in his hand!

BINGO FAN

Dear Montgomery,
My favourite person in the Gang is Bingo Beaver. Can he swim?
Richard McConkey.

Bingo is probably the best swimmer in the Gang because all beavers are very good at swimming!

TO THE CLUBHOUSE!

JOKES! JOKES! JOKES!

What do you get if you cross a cow with an American city?
Moo York!

Andrew Mackay

Who looks after sick gnomes?
The National Elf Service!

Kathrine.

What goes up and down but stays still?
A staircase.

Zoe Kimberley.

WRITE TO:
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PEN PALS

Here are some more readers who would love to hear from you!

Name: Verity Roberts.
Age: 11
Address: Bredon View, Laurels Road, Offenham, nr. Evesham, Worcs. WR11 5RE.
Interests: Reading, writing letters, playing hockey and swimming.

Name: Emma Kibblewhite.
Age: 10
Address: 8 Heather Close, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 9DQ.

Interests: Writing, reading, gymnastics, swimming, playing with animals and small children, Guides, playing netball.

Name: Nicola MacMahon.
Age: 8½
Address: Connelstown, Enfield, Co. Meath, Ireland.
Interests: Dancing and reading.

Name: Jayne Cox.
Age: 8
Address: 29 Westbank Road, Lostock, Bolton Lancs. BL6 4HE.
Interests: Reading, making things, drawing and Brownies.

Name: Sarah Jane Fostekew.

Age: 11
Address: 440 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire.
Interests: Collecting postcards, foreign dolls, foreign money and stamps.

Name: Verity Cousins.
Age: 11½
Address: Chaldwelle House, High Street, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 8NY.
Interests: Penpals, swimming, hockey, acting.

All girls! Any boys want a penpal?

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

The Get Along Gang would like to wish the following readers a very happy birthday!

Saturday

Daley Shrubsole who will be 3, Freddy Barton who will be 7 and Amy Stephen who will be 6.

Sunday

Cheryl Worthington who will be 6, Steven Gatehouse who will be 6 and Kirstie Clarke who will be 9.

Monday

Adam Marshall who will be 3, Ania Mudrewicz who will be 8, Bobby Timpson who will be 7 and Kevin Philpott who will be 8.

Tuesday

Hayley Vale who will be 8, Laura McManus who will be 2, John Mercer and Emma Thornton who will both be 7.

Wednesday

Christopher Hillman and Louise Thompson who will both be 6, Christine Riddoch who will be 7 and Jake Bond who will be 5.

Thursday

Kirk Dixon who will be 5, Ashley Terradez who will be 8, Natalie Owen and Ian Jones who will both be 6, and Isabel Larkin who will be 10.

Friday

Ashley Robbins who will be 6, Michael Webb who will be 8, Jane Leonards who will be 3 and Katy Read who will also be 3. Katy's name came up as this week's lucky reader! She has been sent a Bumper Party Pack from the Smash Martians!

Belated birthday wishes go to Michelle Runley.

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